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For: PHOTOTHERMOGRAPHIC MATERIAL AND  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes:

Amended Claim Set; and

Remarks.